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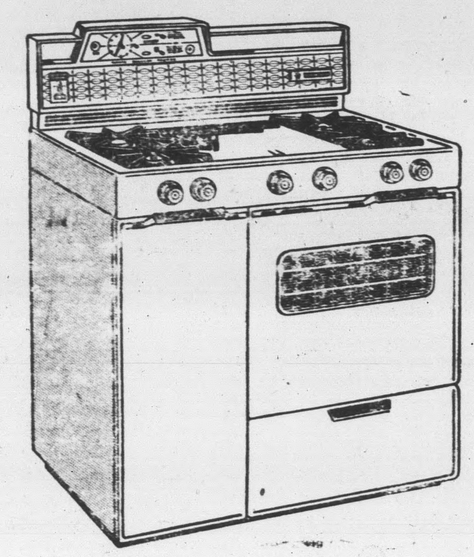

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

What's in a Name?

Smiley Roberts let us in on one of his story-telling secrets the other night. He was coming to the punch line of one of his tales when Curly Rice piped up.

"It wasn't Skinny Wheeler who stopped that runaway horse," he says, "I ought to know 'cause it was my dad."

"Guess you caught me," says Smiley. "You see, if I can't think of the right name I just fill in quick with any one that pops into my head. If I hem-and-haw trying to think of a name, you fellows will lose interest. Besides, names are just details and don't affect the point of the story one bit."

From where I sit, Smiley's system teaches a lesson about living with our neighbors. Details about people aren't as important as we make them. If someone doesn't vote the way I do, or share my preference for a glass of beer, I shouldn't let it interrupt our friendship. Understanding that people have a right to be different is the "secret" of the "true story" of life.

Joe Marsh

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BLUE LAWS WIN

The United States Supreme Court handed down a series of decisions which upheld so called "blue laws" in four states. The laws were passed in an effort to curb business activity on Sunday, have been growing under attack for many years, on the ground that they limit freedom of the individual, and constitute recognition of a religion.

As is the case with so many things, there are reasonable blue laws and there are rediculous ones.

There is a good argument that the majority in a democratic society can decide that businesses should be closed on Sunday, and make it unlawful for those who do not agree, or for those whose religion delegates some some other day as the day of rest, and want to operate on Sunday.

The unmistakable trend in recent years has been toward allowing more freedom of action as to Sunday business. That has meant the operation of more types of business on Sunday than formerly was the case. This has caused a division of opinion.

Laws, as has often been proved, are only enforceable as long as they are supported by a large percentage of the people.

Washington Notes

JOBLESS TOTAL FALLS

A high unemployment rate of nearly 7 percent continued in May for the sixth straight month despite seasonal rises in jobs, the Labor Department reported.

Between mid-April and mid-May employment rose seasonally by 1,044,000 to 66,778,000. This total was 400,000 below that for May, 1960.

F. H. A. EASES RULE

The Federal Housing Administration issued new regulations simplifying the rules providing for a moratorium on monthly payments on mortgages it insures. The action was a move to help unemployed workers save their homes.

TELEPHONE CALLS UP

Telephone calls handled at the White House have increased 40 percent since President John F. Kennedy took office. The average now per day is 40,000.

On serval occasions, so many calls have flashed on the switchboards at the same time that a fuse was blown.

Miss Grace Earle, chief operator at the White House said her operators still get many calls for former President Eisenhower.

OCEAN SURVEY UNDERWAY

The first thorough and accurate survey of ocean waters has begun.

The United States Coast and Deodetic Survey will conduct the study along a 1,900 - mile line between Hawaii and Alaska, according to Dr. H. B. Stewart, Jr. chief oceanographer.

Charts of the ocean floor will be prepared. These are important for military purposes and for study ing the ocean's effect on weather.

TWINKLING STARS

Twinkling stars seen in the night sky are probably due to air swirling throughout the entire atmosphere and not in just a few layers as some scientists believe.

Circulating air masses cause changes in temperature that bend or distort the star's light rays as they penetrate the earth's atmosphere, Dr. S. H. Reiger, of the Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, Cal., told the joint meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers and the United States National Committee of the International Scientific Radio Union here.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are some questions asked by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and -or Experiment Station supply the answers).

Q. Is it advisable to apply liquid nitrogen immediately after the first cutting of hay? When is the best time to apply liquid nitrogen to a hay crop?

A.If you have legumes in your hay crop mixtures, you likely won't need nitrogen. However, on grass crops, the best time to apply nitrogen is in the early spring when growth is starting. Nitrogen applied after the first gutting will boost the growth of the second and third cuttings, but will not be as beneficial as if applied earlier.

Q. What do you recommend to control chickweed in permanent pasture of ladino clover and orchard grass, and when should the pasture be treated?

A. Use dinitro at the rate of 1½ pounds per acre in the late fall when the chickweed is small.

Q. Is clover hay ready to cut?

A. If it is in the ½ to fullbloom stage.

Q. I used 2,4,5,-T on my forest land. It killed the top growth, but sprouts cam out on practically all the trees. What can I do about this, The area was plantend to loblolly pine the same year the other growth was poisoned. Sprouts are covering the pines.

A. 2,4,5-T should have done a good job if you got thorough coverage with it. Try again. June or July is a good time. You should get around 90 per cent kill of undesirable species then.

Q. Some crabgrass and other weeds are about an inch high in corn fields where I sprayed with atrazine. Will the chemcial still work?

A. Likely it will, depending on the weather.

PROPER HARVESTING OF VEGETABLES ADVISED BY SPECIALISTS

Vegetables from the home garden are beginning to take the edge off the grocery bill-and for top eating quality they should be harvested at the proper time.

F. H. Scott, assistant horticulturist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, says size will indicate when some vegetables are in top condition. For instance beets should be 1½ to 2¼ inches across. Sometimes dry weather or low fertility may cause beets to age without getting any larger than 2 inches in diameter, but old small beets can usually be recognized by wide necks.

Squashes can be judged fairly well by size. The summer crookare usually best when they are 4 to 5 inches long. The small white bush scalloped squash, or cymbling, should be picked when small, around 2½ inches across.

If you're a novice, you may have trouble selecting sweet corn at the best stage of maturity. Sweet corn is just right for cooking when it is in the milky stages before the contents of the kernel become semi-fluid. The kernel should break under moderate pressure of the thumbnail. The silks should be brown and the husks tight.

Small bunch spring onions also can be judged by size. A good time to pull onions for mature half the tops bend over or the leaves have turned a greenish-yellow.

Eggplant should be bright and glossy. Don't wait until it turns dull.

Cantaloupes and watermelons can pose problem. When a cantaloupe is ripe the mature netting is fully rounded out and the color showing through the netting is yellowish green. The melon will slip easily from the stem and leave a large scar.

If you always use the same variety of watermelon and have had experience, you can probably use the old thumping test. Oldtimers claim that a green watermelon will have a metallic ringing sound when thumped with your finger. A ripe melon will sound muffled or dead. Unhappily the sound differs with the variety, and sometimes with the kind of thump and the hearing of the thumper. The trained grower can usually judge the maturity by the over-all velvety bloom of the fruit. For most gardeners the best method is to examine the ground spot.

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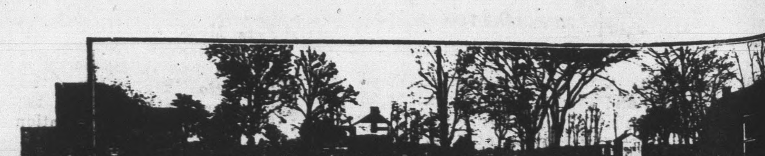

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...June 12.- We are so ...ful for the nice showers we ...had to refresh everything.

... and Mrs. John Alvis and ... visited her parents, Mr. and ... Herbert Matthews, Jr., at ... over the week-end.

... Aaron Smith preached his ... sermons at Bethel and Trinity ... before he leaves for ... Annual Methodist Conference ... at Virginia Beach. Everyone ... praying for his re... to this charge. He is a wonder... young man and pastor. Everyone would hate to see him leave. ... with Mrs. Smith visited Mr. ... Mrs. E. L. Chick on Wednes... evening. Always a welcome ... in this home.

... and Mrs. Lyle Thomas and ... and Mrs. Kelly Stratton motor... Blacksburg on Sunday to at... the graduation of their son-in... Mr. Richard Radden. He, with ... Radden will be here this week ... then go to Newport News to ... where he will be employed.

... and Mrs. W. E. Carson at... the graduation of their son ... Blacksburg. We wish him much success in life.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes attended the graduation of their grandson, Mr. Billy Jobe at Amherst High School on Friday night. We wish him much success in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stratton and famliy visited Mrs. Bessie Stratton on her birthday last Thursday in Lynchburg. We wish for this fine Christian lady many, many happy days ahead.

The Stonewall Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Lyle Thomas on last Thursday, with grand attendance. Mrs. Clyde Carson, Mrs. S. E. Anderson and Mrs. E. L. Chick were honored at a tea. They are the only members who joined the club 25 years ago when first started that are still being members. Everyone present had such a good time, it being Mrs. Anderson's birthday, the club gave her a gift, with love from every member present, and hope she will have many more.

Mrs. J. H. Beard and boys had as their week-end guests Mrs. Sadie Stinnett, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Wilmer and Mr. and Mrs. Len Wilmer and son, of Roanoke, Mrs. Andrew Johnson and son, Julian, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Sept Spencer, of Petersburg are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mrs. Etta Routon and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Routon and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harding, of Lynchburg were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davidson and son visited in the same home on Sunday evening.

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A large crowd attended the regular preaching services at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday morning at 11:30. The service was dedicated to the children of the church. A special program was rendered by the youth of the church. Music was furnished by the Junior choir of the Galilee Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Stevens. The pastor, Rev. R. Q. Lawing delivered a special sermon at the close of literary program. All present enjoyed the entire service.

An appreciative crowd attend the ninth annual Woman's Day program of the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday at 3 P. M. The Reverend C. L. Elliott delivered the sermon. Music was furnished by the Mount Shiloh Senior choir. Greetings were given by the following churches: Galilee, Mrs. Florence Lawing and Mrs. C. A. Marshall; Mount Shiloh, Mrs. Mary Tanner; St. Luke, Mrs. Louise Canada. Miss Willie Mae Fleshman gave the welcome. A paper was given by Mrs. Francis McIvor; Margaret Forest served as Mistress of ceremony and Mrs. Louise Robinson read the scripture, and prayer was given by Mrs. Mary Tanner. Remarks were given by the pastor of the church and the Rev. C. A. Marshall. A total of $35.00 was raised.

The 18th anniversary of the Usher Board of the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church will be conducted on the third Sunday evening in this month, at 3 P. M. The Rev. Weston, pastor of the Brookville Baptist Church and his male chorus wil lbe special guests.

A special Children's Day program was held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 6 P. M. Mrs. Mary McDaniels and Mrs. Dorothy Stevens and Miss Hazel Gafford were in charge. At the close of the program a special rally was presented by the junior choir. Master Leon Fleshman was crowned "Mr. Junior Choir."

The public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching services at the Galilee Baptist Church this third Sunday morning at 11:30.

Mrs. Sarah Watkins Perry, of Philadelphia spent the week - end here as the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. W. Hamlet. While here, Mrs. Perry spoke to the stuednt body at its closing program concerning her work in Philadelphia.

Undertaker West and Raymond Lawing Jr. motored to Detroit, Michigan last week. They reported a lovely trip. Mr. West visited his mother and Raymond visited his great uncle while there.

The following N. F. A. boys left Tuesday for Virginia State College for the N. F. A. convention: Harry Watkins, Robert Booker, Robert Humbles, and Tim Lawing. They were accompanied by their advisor, R. Q. Lawing.

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Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Fleshman visited her parents Mr. & Mrs. Willie Pugh Saturday.

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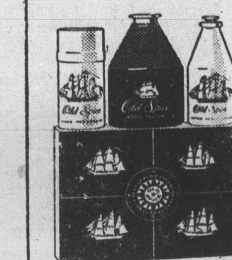

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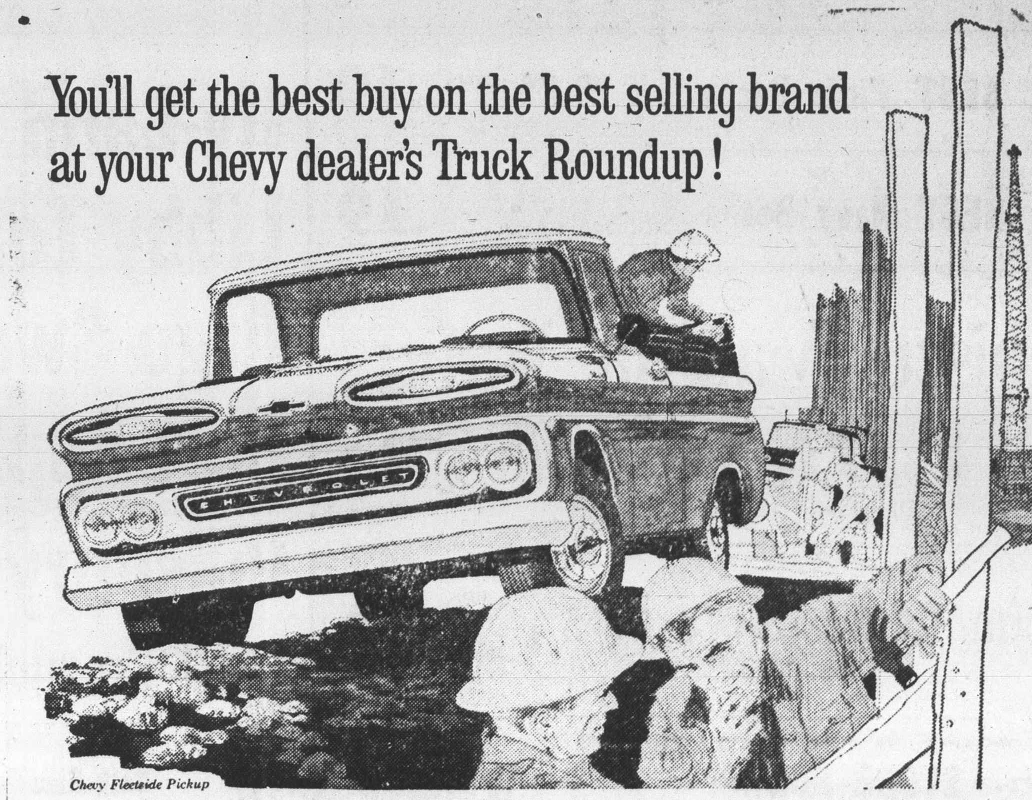

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